CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Government are aware of the report in the Times of India dated 15th December, 1987.

(b) The Government has considered the issues raised in the above report.

(c) The Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act 1987 has come into force with effect from 21st March, 1988 only. It is too early to consider introducing fresh legislation at this stage.

Appointment for the post of Constables in Railway Protection Force

2262. SHRI MAULANA ASAD MADNI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number of persons belonging to minority community (Muslim) appointed to the posts of constables in R.P.F. during the period from January, 1987 to 31st December, 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): 234 candidates belonging to muslim community have been appointed as Constables in the Railway Protection Force during this period.

Removal and Reinstatement of Director of Delhi Public Library

2263. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present Director of Delhi Public Library was some time back removed from the post of Librarian Grade-I due to his inefficiency and incompetence but later on reinstated on mercy appeal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the present Chairman of the Delhi Public Library concealed from the members of the Selection Committee and the Ministry the facts relating to his past service history at the time of his appointment to that post;

(c) if not, whether the Ministry was aware of the past conduct of the person at the time of his appointment; and

(d) whether a number of complaints have been received against the present Director concerning his incompetence, misbehaviour, misuse of power and corrupt practices, if so, whether these have been investigated and if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A few complaints were received from persons using fictitious names. However, these complaints were found to be baseless.

Agencies Engaged in Orissa for the Removal of illiteracy

2264. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the voluntary agencies engaged in Orissa for the removal of illiteracy; and

(b) what steps have been taken by the Orissa Government for removing illiteracy in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) A list of Voluntary Organisations who are currently